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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6653

BILL NUMBER: SB 245

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 1, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Jan 31, 2011

SUBJECT: Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission and Office of Women's Health.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Noe

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill creates the 16-member Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission and requires the Commission to develop and recommend a coordinated plan to improve early intervention and treatment for pregnant women who abuse alcohol or drugs or use tobacco. (The Commission was originally created in 2007 and expired December 31, 2009.)

This bill also provides that the Office of Women's Health may seek funding and accept gifts from individuals.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage; July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* This bill will result in an allocation of staffing resources to reestablish the Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission until June 30, 2014. The expenditures would include the costs of an interim and final report required by the bill. According to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) the reporting requirement will be fulfilled with currently existing staff and resources.

(Revised) With the exception of the four legislative members, members of the Commission would not be eligible for salary per diem or travel expense reimbursement related to their service on the Commission. Legislative members would be eligible for per diem of \$152 per day and mileage reimbursement. The total expense related to legislator's per diem and mileage reimbursement would depend on the number of meetings attended and the home stations of the legislators. These funds would be paid from legislative appropriations. If, however, as in the past, the meetings are conducted via conference call, there would be no expense reimbursed.

Background Information: The following state agencies are required to have their Commissioner or Director (or a designee) serve on the Commission: (1) State Department of Health, (2) the Division of Mental Health and Addiction, (3) the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, and (4) the Department of Child Services.

The Commission is to be staffed by the ISDH. Since the Commission's creation in 2007, ISDH reported that staffing required a total of 1,340 staff hours, or approximately 450 staffing hours per year. ISDH estimates the Commission or working subcommittees will meet at least monthly. In the past, conference calls were utilized for all meetings. Commission meetings were held bi-monthly, along with additional meetings of three working subcommittees. Other costs associated with the Commission resulted from making printed materials available to Commission members.

The Commission is required to submit an interim and final report during the three years the Commission is authorized to operate.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: ISDH; FSSA, OMPP and DMHA; DCS, LSA.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: ISDH, LSA.

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